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1. SOME JAN 27 PAPERS REPORT STATEMENT BY FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN VON PACHELBEL DENYING THAT SOVIETS HAVE MADE DEMARCHE PROTESTING AGAINST INCOMPATIBILITY OF VOCATIONAL CENTER WITH BERLIN AGREEMENT. STATEMENT WAS PROVOKED BY LEAD ARTICLE IN JAN 27 'SPIEGEL' WHICH TREATS VOCATIONAL CENTER ISSUE AS FURTHER EFFORT BY FON MIN GENSCHER (ANALOGOUS TO DISPUTE WITH AUSTRIANS OVER GERMAN CITIZENSHIP) TO IMPOSE HIS VIEW OF BERLIN POLICY. SPIEGEL ARTICLE THEN STATES: ..THE USSR REACTED PROMPTLY. LAST WEDNESDAY AN AUTHORIZED SOVIET DIPLOMAT IN BONN MADE CLEAR TO THE SPIEGEL THAT HIS GOVERNMENT, DESPITE THE DIFFERING LEGAL SITUATION, SEES A PARALLEL BETWEEN THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY AND THE EC INSTITUTE. THE RUSSIAN THREATENED: 'IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT

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IN THE END RESULT CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PERSONS,

ANALOGOUS TO THE FEA, CAN BE EXCLUDED FROM THE USE OF
TRANSIT ROUTES FROM AND TO WEST BERLIN'."

2. PACHELBEL TOLD DPA THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS
UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH STATEMENTS FROM THE SOVIETS. IT WAS
WELL KNOWN, HE SAID, THAT WEST BERLIN'S CANDIDACY FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EC VOCATIONAL CENTER HAD BEEN
CAREFULLY EXAMINED BY THE THREE WESTERN POWERS, WHO HAD
CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT. WHAT WAS INVOLVED WAS NOT
A FEDERAL AUTHORITY BUT AN INSTITUTION OF THE EC.

3. AT JAN 27 PRESS CONFERENCE' FEDERAL SPOKESMAN
BOELLING GENERALLY SUPPORTED PACHELBEL'S STATEMENTS. IT
WAS ONLY APPROPRIATE, HE SAID, THAT THE USSR SHOULD
ADDRESS ANY OBJECTIONS IT FELT NECESSARY TO THE EC
GOVERNMENTS (SIC). BOELLING HIMSELF HAD NO EVIDENCE OF
SOVIET PROTESTS OTHER THAN WHAT HE HAD READ IN PRESS
ARTICLES. NATURALLY THE SOVIETS HAD A RIGHT TO PRESENT
ANY RESERVATIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE, BUT THEY WOULD HAVE TO
DO IT IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY. IT HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE
CLEAR IN CONNECTION WITH BERLIN'S CANDIDACY FOR THIS
AUTHORITY THAT THE COMMUNITY TREATIES WERE ALSO VALID
FOR WEST BERLIN. THE THREE WESTERN POWERS HAD ALREADY
APPROVED THE INCLUSION OF WEST BERLIN IN THE EC TREATIES.
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